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SHERIFF'S OFFICE A GOOD MEAL TICKET

Expert of Grand Jury Makes a Discovery in Sheriff Jack Smith's Bills For Feeding Prisoners

There is a graduated scale in the charges allowed for the feeding of prisoners in the County Jail but Sheriff Jack Smith does not believe in that "scaly" style of doing business. He is a top notcher but the nicks in the county roll disturbed the conscience of the expert hired by the Grand Jury wherefore some revelations were made. It develops that instead of a sliding scale commersurate with the number of prisoners to be fed, Sheriff Smith has drawn 40c a head regardless of the number of inmates although at times since 1907 the number in the jail has varied and when the charge might have been 30 or 35 cents. Approximately $5000 too much has been charged up for "eats" according to the experts report to the recent Grand Jury.

MISLEADING TERM

The socalled "petition to compromise" in the estate of H. H. Granice effects the $1000 note owed the estate by the Sonoma Brewing Company and the $1000 owed the First National Bank by the estate Instead of compelling the Brewery to pay and the estate pay the Bank, a compromise is sought whereby the Brewery takes care of the note to the Bank which in turn cancels the $1000 indebtedness. It is simply an adjustment. The term "compromise" is misleading for the status of the estate to the disadvantage of the children is in no wise changed. The petition was continued by Judge Denny until January 3rd.

HOLIDAY RATES ON NORTHWESTERN

A $1.50 round trip rate will be effective December 24th to 27th and December 31st to January 3rd inclusive over the Northwestern Pacific for the holidays.

The Walter Bundschus returned to Rhine Farm Tuesday evening from the metropolis.

WILL TRY THE CHINAMAN SOON

Jurors Drawn In Yee Hung Opium Case

The following are the jurymen drawn to try the case of Yee Hung, the Chinaman alleged to have had opium in his possession in violation of the State law.

Angelo Beretta, L. Breitenbach, Thomas Brown, Vergilo Bulotti, Edgar T. Casson, W. H. Hanger, Jas. L. Modini, Geo. Breitenbach, Chas. B. McDevitt, R. A. McDonell, John F. Picetti, O. R. Wagner. Geo. R. Lowell, R. E. Perkins, T. T. Seipp, B. F. Pinder, Samuel Lewis, C A. Witmore. F. D. Bose.

Rolph Thompson will prosecute for the State Board of Pharmacy and Frank Sprague will defend Yee Hung.

As the case hangs upon the veracity of the "Chink" and Constable Murray and is to be tried at the City Hall Wednesday at 11 a. m. before Judge Small, the proceedings promise to be entertaining.

NEW GRAND JURY

The personnel of the new Grand Jury is as follows:

Alfred Trembley (foreman), J E. Clark, D. E. Albers, Frank Berka, J. M. Talbot, W. J. Martinelli, H. B. Denice, O F. Philips, C F. Northrup, W. C. Keig, T. B. Joy, W. P. Slausrer, W. G. Comstock, James King, M. D. Hopkins, H B. Rosenberg, E. J. Healey, H. McDonald, Thomas J. Duncan.

SUIT TO QUIET TITLE

A number of witnesses and attorneys appeared in the suit to quiet title brought by the Healy Estate against Pooler, et al., which came to trial Tuesday in Santa Rosa. The suit involves seven city lots less what has been sold off situated near the Convent in this city.

A number of deeds and mortgages have complicated the holding and the owners of the property find themselves at sea over their titles. The case has been submitted on briefs.

L. Quartaroli, Mrs. Fochetti and other interested parties were present at the hearing Tuesday.

Creditors Sale

The Stock of Mrs. Mary Poulson, Napa Street, Sonoma to be sold regardless of cost at once consisting of Dry Goods, Hosery, Underwear, etc., also goods in transit consisting of Mens and Ladies ready made Suits. Childrens and Ladies Dresses and Waists and numerous other Goods at Unheard of Prices. Come and be convinced.

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A glow unspeakable, that fills the gloom
And thrills through me
And then the great outside the Woodlands still
The heavens; starry: wide: above the hill
The dewy breath of pine. The vast unknown
of space, a silent spot where I alone
May think and thrill
Where I may take God's gifts and pray to be
A power that uplifts, where I may see
Ultimate harmony the supreme goal
Man and his maker one, a divine soul
Eternally.

Twas the week before Xmas
And all through the valley
Such jollity reigned
It was hard to keep tally.

So thought the writer of all the holiday festivities this week which started in with

The Moose Christmas Tree

Two o'clock Saturday afternoon the "kiddies" came from far and near to the Don Theatre, where they were the guests of the Moose Social Club at a Christmas tree and moving picture show. The gay chatter and laughter of the youngsters resounded through the play house until the first film was flashed on the screen and instantly the attention of the little ones was all on the fine pictures shown. Between acts Santa Claus appeared and with the assistance of the Moose committee distributed candy and goodies to the little visitors, while on the stage was a beautifully trimmed Christmas tree, an effective addition to the scene. After Santa Claus and his good hearted rival Wm. Russel had provided amply for nearly two hundred children, more films were shown and at five o'clock the happiest, jolliest bunch of little ones imaginable emerged from the play house and went trooping home, loud in their praises of the hospitality of their loyal friends, the Moose.

Old Time Christmas Ball

Old fashioned hospitality prevailed and the ever beautiful greens mistletoe and holly berries graced the big auditorium at Agua Caliente Springs Saturday night where a fine Christmas ball was given by Mr. and Mrs. Theodor Richards. Over fifty machines were parked in the vicinity and about a hundred guests made merry within to the music of a fine orchestra whose latest numbers and syncopation tempted the most conservative to "rag" and "hesitate" and enjoy the latest dances.

The auditorium had been transformed into a bower of beauty by Mrs. Richards and her two daughters and in the back ground a silver tinseled Christmas tree gave an added holiday touch to the pretty surroundings. Confetti and serpentine were galy scattered about and psyche knots and bald heads each got their share of the shower of fun Among the many guests were the following dance lovers from Glen Ellen: Marion and Josephine Pancrazi, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Lane, Miss Morris, Howard Gaige, Mrs Gaige, Ervin Shepard, Milton Sobbe, M. C. Gordenker, Hattie Gaige, Mrs. Gaige, Mr. Ranker, Mrs. Ranker, Bernice Monahan, Rea Edrington, Grace Edrington, Adele Chauvet, Mildred Ranker, Hazen Cowan, Arthur Benson.

Congregational Christmas Exercises.

The morning and evening service last Sunday at the Congregational Church was given over to a regular Christmas program with the music under the direction of Miss Alta Rice. It was really beautifully carried out and enjoyed by everyone who attended. Following was the program

Organ Prelude, Miss Alta Rice; Doxlogy, Invocation, Gloria, Responsive Reading, Solo, "Little Town of Bethlehem," Junior Choir; Scriptive Reading, Solo, "Luther's Cradle Song," Beth Lane; Song by School, Organ Offertory, "Athens," Willis, Miss Rice; Solo, "The Holy City" Adams Miss Weber; Sermon, "Bethlehem"; Benediction, Postlude, Miss Rice.

Evening Service

Festival March, Hackett, Miss Rice; Hymn, "Hark! What Mean Those Holy Voices;" Reading; Christmas Anthem, Choir; Prayer; Offertory, "Carol," with variations, Miss Rice; Violin Solo, Selected, Mr. Knolle; Vocal Solo, "Bethlehem's Star," Mr. Jensen; Address, "Star in the East"; Hymn, "It came upon the Midnight Clear"; "Halleluyah Chorus" from "Mount of Olives," Bethoven Miss Rice.

The Christmas tree for the Sunday School children and their friends took place Thursday night and a fine program rendered which concluded with a little play, entitled "The Cabin of Santa Claus" Instead of the time honored tree, the little cabin, with its snow covered roof, was the receptacle for the presents and Santa Claus was the presiding genius. The little ones and the older folks too were much enthused over the spirit of the evening and all had a good time.

Christmas at the Methodist Church

The Methodist church was handsomely decorated for the Christmas exercises with woodwardia fern, smilax and evergreens. For the background of the pulpit a beautiful scenic effect of Bethlehem with the wondrous star of the Nativity was depicted. In this appropriate setting the program was carried out and was followed by the illuminating of the Christmas tree and remembrances for the children. The program follows:

"Peace and Good Will"

Singing by school, "Christmas Ode"; singing, "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"; prayer, Bro. Coleman; singing, "Christmas Peace Hymn"; responsive reading, "The Prince of Peace", led by Mr. Cameron; singing, Christmas Gloria; recitation, "Peace and Good Will", Howard Cliff; recitation, "First Christmas," Vera Scott; recitation. "The Christmas Story," Evelyn Ward; singing by junior girls, "The Coming of the Christ Child" recitation;, "The Christmas Favorite," Irma Cliff; "Christmas in the Valley of the Moon," Marie Minkle; "On Christmas Day," Dorton Stockwell and Arthur Ward; recitation by Howard Saunders; singing by Primary Class; recitation, "Christmas Kindness," Ida Saunders; recitation, "Sweeter Every Year," Clara Stonier; recitation, "The Children's Day," Margaret Suttie; song by Ethel Schmiedeskamp; dialogue "Shepard's Little Son," Sadie Dunbar and Donald Saunders; recitation by Alene Poulson; recitation by Primary Class; song, "The Earth has Grown Old," No. 17; address by the pastor; song by three young men; recitation, "The Christmas Message," Tommy Palmer; dialogue, Victor Clements and Jim Cameron; recitation, "The Light of the World," Minnie Harrison; Solo, "Birthday of a King," Marion Waltz; Offeratory and Announcements, Pastor; Christmas Tree; Singing "There's a Song in the Air" No. 23; Benediction.

St. Francis Church Celebrating Three Masses

Three masses are being celebrated at St. Francis Church this Christmas morning. The first or early mass began at 6:30. At the 8 o'clock mass the members of the Young Mens Institute received Holy Communion. High mass will be celebrated at 10 o'clock with special choir and the sermon on the nativity will be preached by the Rev. Geo. Fox, S. J., of the University of Santa Clara.

Trinity Church Program

Midnight mass was celebrated at Trinity Church last night and the effective and beautiful service heralded the dawn of Christmas morning. Rev. Mr. Holt officiated and the vested choir rendered appropriate music.

At 11 o'clock this (Christmas) morning there will be solemn service and communion.

On Monday evening at 7.30 Trinity Sunday school has its Christmas tree.

Tomorrow (Sunday) morning there will be further Christmas services at the M. E. Church and Miss Marion Waltz will sing "The Holy City" at the morning service.

WILL ASHE ON GREAT WHITE WAY

Will Ashe, erstwhile constable of Glen Ellen has shaken the star from his manly chest and is now "out among em" on the roue de Powell near Ellis, San Francisco where he is conducting a classy smoke shop. Bill likes the electric signs and the crowds and tobacco is not the only kind of "stuff" he peddles.

XMAS BALL AT FETTERS SPRINGS

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Christmas would not be merry to dance lovers unless they could dance so Fetters Springs has provided two big nights of joy at the theatre where a grand Christmas ball was arranged by the management. Tonight is the big night. There will be a Xmas tree and presents for all—surprises in the way of souvenirs for both ladies and gentlemen.

After your holiday dinner a fine time is in store for everybody at Fetters and the entertainment will be lavish and up to the high standard of this popular resort. The finest ragtime music has been secured.

DAMAGE SUIT YIELDS $1000

The jury in the case of Policeman J. H. Kelly, who sued Boyes Springs for $10,000 damages for injuries received while diving in the swimming tank last July awarded plaintiff $1000 damages and costs of suit.

Although there were signs on the tank reading dive at your own risk and testimony was introduced to the effect that there was six feet and eight inches of water in the tank, the Jurymen were of the opinion evidently that the Springs were to blame in some way. Mrs. L. H. Green, a witness, testified that Kelly was brought to her sanitarium and his injuries were regarded as superficial. A stay of execution for thirty days was granted by Judge Seawell.

The verdict against one of our leading swimming baths is a dangerous precedent and as the man was not permanently injured and was sporting in the water at his own risk it appears that the jury were swayed by sympathy rather than good judgement and fairness. Our resorts should use every precaution to safe guard their patrons, but when an unforseen accident of this kind happens they should not be "held up."

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TO EACH AND ALL OF ITS READERS THE INDEX-TRIBUNE WISHES A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

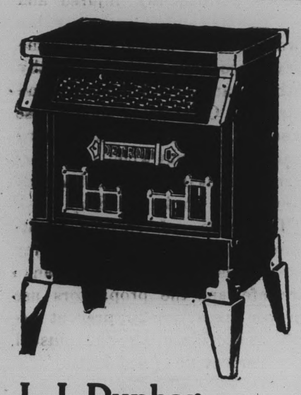
The Christmas Spirit

Christmas is the one spiritual holiday of the year. The cynic will say it is commercial; the optimist will say it is joy time, the churchman will say it is religious. We buy, we celebrate, we go to church, but the way to the inner shrine where the spirit of Christmas is enthroned can not be reached by the aisle of the department store, the place at the richly laden table, or the pew in the church. Some or all of these typify Christmas to our people, but they are superficial by-ways, concrete expression of recording the spiritual beauty which came into being at the birth of our Saviour.

Think what this flood tide of spirituality has done for man. With all he has lost and refused to accept there was left by the receding tide an embryo superman. As in all transition stages there is a crudeness, so with the mixed mortal of today there are the incongruities and mysteries we cannot fathom or understand, yet the spiritual spark is within. It kindles our hearts at Christmas time and warms the world with its glow.

Merry Christmas—it is a joy to know that so much good is within us and the consciousness of it is our greatest gift. Yet this is not the boundry of our blessing, for it goes far beyond self to those Elysian fields of service—to our fellow men and we fill their cup with the vintage of happiness if we can or if we have not garnered enough of this world's goods to fill the cup, we give what we can and in the wish that it were more, is the welling spirituality that is the full and richer portion.

The fine imposed on a number of hunters lately for killing non-game birds, such as robins, has brought out considerable protest at the law which makes these birds immune from bird shot under the misleading idea that they eat up orchard pests and help the farmers. As a matter of fact our farmers claim they are worst pests themselves and destroy more than they protect. Right after seeding time they go over a field and with their long bills pull out the grain which has just begun to sprout and when they come in great droves they are capable of destroying a large area. Robins are attractive to sentimentalists but practical farmers have no use for them.



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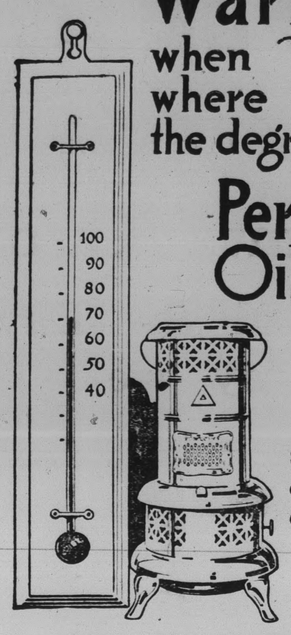

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The Government brings no charges nor suggestion of fraud against the Californiant who have developed the oil fields—whose courage and energies have given this state one of its greatest industries; made manufacturing a possibility in California.

The Government has officially stated through its principal spokesmen that the claims of the California oil men are JUST and HONEST. It insists, however, of taking technical advantage of a judge-made law given nearly six years after the establishment of the great oil industry and the industries which depend upon it.

The activities of the Government have curtailed production. The storage supply of oils in California is rapidly diminishing. Gasoline, illuminating, road and lubricating oils have advanced sharply in price.

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Summary of the News Gatherer

Ralph Busby was in Petaluma Monday.

L. Quartaroli transacted business in Santa Rosa Tuesday.

Miss Martha Gordenker is home for the holidays.

The Ralph Murphys' motored to Napa Monday.

Miss Margaret Burke of San Francisco spent Sunday here with friends.

Mrs. M. Erlebach and children will spend the holiday in San Francisco.

Mrs. M. Poulson has been visiting her friend, the widow of H. H. Granice in San Francisco.

Miss Kate Mc Donell went to Sebastopol to spend Christmas with her brother and his family.

The Clarence Naumans of San Francisco are boliday guests of Mrs A. Bates and the W. B. Hays'.

City Attorney Cowgill was in San Francisco on official business this week.

Rudolph Wagner, Ralph Morris and Miss Florence Green were out-of town visitors at the Xmas. ball Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Graves and son Lawrence are Christmas guests at the home of Mrs. Ida Dorman on Broadway.

While cranking a machine at a local garage Monday, "Dutch' Andrews had the misfortune to break his arm. It was a double fracture and was attended to by Dr. Hays.

District Attorney Fickert and wife of San Francisco have been the guests of Mrs. Rudy Litchenberg at her ranch near Petaluma

Miss Mary Robinson of San Jose, the complaining witness in the Elmer House case has been a guest at the Small residence pending the outcome of the hearing.

The bondsmen of Contractor Ingraham were in town recently and found everything progressing satisfactorily at the new grammar school building.

Gus Gorsky of the "Palace" is greeting friends and patrons after many weeks illness due to a serious operation. He is feeling quite himself again and says the restoring of his health is the best Xmas present in the world.

Five thousand dollars have been expended already on the architectural plans and preliminaries for the extensive improvements to be made by Mrs. Schweizer on the old Wickersham place. The stone mansion which cost originally $50,000 and was built by Colonel Granville Swift for his wife, is to be rehabilitated and the fine fountains and courts restored. The remainder of the ranch retained by Grace Brothers will be used for dairy and stock purposes.

The J. K. Bigelows went down to San Francisco Tuesday morning.

Geo. Leiser was a business visitor in the metropolis the fore part of the week.

Misses Antoinette and Eugenie Froment spent the fore part of the week in San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Robin are entertaining their folks at a fine Xmas reunion.

Ted and Richard Rahwyler of San Francisco are holiday visitors with their father, the local jeweler.

Wm. Stradley of Petaluma was over gathering decorations for the Xmas Carnival.

Walter Bundschu, W. L Gaige F T. Duhring are the names drawn from the Grand Jury box. District Attorney Lea has two important matters to lay before our new Grand Jury.

L. Chopard and Miss Adele Chopard, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Dupont were Petaluma visitors at the P. Yennis Sunday. They took little Miss Elsie Yenni home with them, but she returned in time for Christmas with her folks.

Mrs. Zachary, who has but recently returned from Europe is a guest of Mrs. R. J. Snyder. The traveler encountered much difficulty with pass ports and official red tape owing to the war and is glad to be in the restful environment of Sonoma Valley. Mrs. Zachary was formerly Mrs. Wilgus and made some enduring friendships during a residence here some years ago.

S. Pinelli who has been here for several weeks from his home in Mexico will return to Sonora shortly after the holidays. He left on account of the turbulent conditions in his country where he has vast interests but upon telegraphic assurances that his property was in tact and that he would be safeguarded, he will return to take up life once more in the southern country. Mr. Pinelli has many friends in the valley who wish him well and trust that conditions in Mexico will soon improve.

"COP" CHANGES HIS MIND

Assistant District Attorney Ford was in town Sunday on business connected with the damage suit instituted by Policeman Kelly of San Francisco, against Boyes Springs. Mr. Ford represents the Springs.

The plaintiff, Kelly, while diving in the swimming tank last summer struck his head and now claims $10,000 damages

Just before the suit came to trial, counsel for the defendant alleges Policeman Kelly went to Dr. Parramore and agreed to a settlement After asking Parramore what he would give him to withdraw his suit and being told he would be given what it would cost the defendants to fight the case, Kelly agreed to the amount in writing. He now abrogates the agreement and wants a jury to make him a Christmas present of some head balm,

The Jurymen selected to try the case were J. Revie, J. L. Reed, D C. Proctor, J. O. McIntosh, J. P. Demsey, W. E. Right, H. W. Richardson, M. Jensen, S. R. Hayden, Harvey Dale, W. Ferguson, T. W. Howell.

INTERVIEWED COMMISSONERS ATTORNEY

City Attorney Cowgill and Attorney Sprague visited San Francisco this week and had an interview with the attorney for the Railroad Commission relative to the obligation which the asking of the valuation of a water plant would entail. They were told that such procedure was simply preliminary and carried no obligation with it The application for the experts of the Commission to take the necessary steps to value the local water company's plant will therefore be made very shortly.

DELIGHTFUL BOOK ON SALE

The delightful verse of Edna Poppe Cooper entitled "The Song of the wind and other Poems" has been placed on sale at Lutgens'. It is attractively bound and would make a suitable Christmas gift.

IDOL OF FAIR VISITS SONOMA

Madam Bianchi, Who Delighted Throngs at Exposition, is Guest of Relatives

Madame L Bianchi, who as one of the singers with Thavius' band delighted throngs at the Expositions came up from San Francisco Sunday evening and spent Monday with her relatives S Ciucci and family.

Madame Bianchi, who returned from Europe last year where she studied the vocal art with famous masters in Florence was one of the trio composed of Seniors Porcini and Poggi and herself which filled a ten weeks engagement at the Fair and proved wonderfully popular with their operatic selections. The charming singer spoke regretfully of the closing of the great Exposition, but leaves early in May for Chicago to fill an engagement with Thavius musicians in that city. When asked concerning the most popular selections with Exposition audiences Madame Bianchi spoke of the trios from Faust and Traviata and also told of having been encored six times with Neapolitian songs like "Solo Mio." One of her fellow artists, Senior Porcini, was in Sonoma shortly after the earthquake and sang here with Avedano. Since then he has pursued his studies abroad and now is at the top of his profession.

Madame Bianchi returned home Monday afternoon with her little son who had been stopping here during her engagement.

SUPERVISORS GET CHRISTMAS CARD

As a tax-payer and observer I want to commend the Supervisors for their practical, sane method of handling the public affairs this past year. They are entitled to a Xmas. card but the knocker would keep them out of it. Right in our own district one can see activity on every side. The improvements to our roads and bridges are substantial ones and have honestlybeen supervised. The money appropriated for the deflector at El Verano to prevent the road washing away at that point-that is a matter of commendation. There are always knocks for men in public office so permit me the liberty of showing a little Christmas spirit.

A. Booster.

Look for the Index Tribune imprint on all printing. Advocate it.

ENTANGLED HORSE STARTS STAMPEDE

A most peculiar and distressing accident occured one day last week on the the State Highway, south of town, when the Millericx brothers were driving a band of sixty horses from their pasture up to the ranch. It appears that a hundred feet of barbed wire had been left lying along the road by some of the workmen and as Millrick's band of horses came along the wire became entangled in the flowing tail of a little thoroughbred mare, who frightened by the sharp pronged length at her heels, dashed like mad through the other horses, stampeding them and cutting many in her wake.

The Millericks took after the frightened mare, trying to rescue her and prevent further injury to their stock but before her capture was effected, she completely wound the wire around the hoofs of another mare who in trying to extricate herself was thrown and broke her shoulder. The distressing accident may result in the owners having to shoot the fine little animal.

FREE SEED

The following letter will be of interest to those wishing government seed:

Washington, D. C., Dec. 11, '15

To the Editor:

Dear Sir:

The annual allotment of flower and vegetable seed by the Department of Agriculture to members of Congress has been made, and I shall be glad to send an assortment to those residents of the First Congressional District making specific request for them. Since variety and quality of seed are matters left to the discretion of the Department, it may be impossible to send the varieties asked for, and in such cases some other variety will be substituted. I shall not send seed except on request, in order that only those who will use the seed may receive them.

Yours truly,

WILLIAM KENT.

We understand that Attorney Robert A. Poppe has congratulations coming on another milestone he has passed on his journey through life. Father Time deals gently with Robert and his philosophy of life would be worth while recording if the sphinx like secret could be coaxed from him.

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Locals

Joe Ryan was a prominent visitor at the County Seat Saturday.

Ben Dobbins of the Millerick out fit gave some thrilling Roman riding exhibitions, at Petaluma.

Leveroni and Maffei are making a fine display oftheir holiday meats. The windows have been attractively dressed with two fine calves and several decorated suckling pigs.

A large delegation went to Petaluma Thursday to witness the race between Jim Chase and an automobile; the auto won out.

The proceeds of the Apollo Club's concert to be given Tuesday night at Union Hall will be applied to the purchase of chairs which were bought from the Hawaiian building at the Exposition for the club.

The contract has been let for the curb and gutter around the old Mission. The money was appropriated by the Legislature at the last session.

Lee Bros' of Santa Rosa sign board on the Poppe property near the Post office has been erected and makes quite a metropolitan showing.

The California Telephone and Light Company have extended their service to the George Cassidy place.

Mrs. C. Liss who has been at the Womens and Childrens hospital in San Francisco for five weeks with rheumatic trouble was able to return home for Christmas and is much improved in health.

The following telegram was received Dec. 18th. by the local Maxwell agent.

F. Clewe;
Sonoma, Cal.

Maxwell wins again worlds motor non-stop record broken when the stock Maxwell touring car running night and day since November 22nd. passed the existing record of 12,404.9 miles, the wonderful consistency of the Maxwell a gain proven by the daily average of 504 miles averaging 22.4 miles per gallon of gasoline, is still running as powerful quiet and efficiently as the day it started.
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Felice Rovai, for several years an employee of the Sonoma Brewing Company took out a license to wed in San Francisco Wednesday. His Christmas bride is Madeline Nardi of San Francisco.

The happy couple will reside in Sonoma having rented a house from Adam Adler. Rovai and his bride are both well to do, and he has resigned his position pending their business plans for the future.

Their many friends will welcome their home coming and congratulations are in order.

GRAND JURY GIVE REPORT

The Grand Jury has rendered its final report and been discharged by Judge Seawell The report shows the county offices to be in excellent shape.

It commends the condition of the County Hospital and jail and recomends the construction of a new detention home for juvenile offenders. The Board of Supervisors are praised for their new plan of auditing claims and revision of the indigent list of the county. The Purchasing Agent is recommended as the authority to approve price before the purchase of any supplies by the Supervisors.

In the matter of liquor licenses the Tax Collector is to be asked to report deliquences on licenses and if on the second day of the month after the Sheriff notifies them they are still unpaid the delinquents may be closed up. Flat salaries are advised for County officials and fees abolished. The regulation of the county owned automobiles is commended. The purchase of all school supplies by the County Purchasing Agency is urged.

XMAS RUSH AT POSTOFFICE

The local Postoffice has been doing a rushing business far in excess of that of 1914. The amount of business done on Thursday is revealed by the following figures:

One cent stamps sold	2,078
Two " " "	665
Four " " "	27
Five " " "	239
Registered letters	2
Special delivery letters	2

The mail dispatched consisted of 25 tie sacks and six lock sacks. The mail received consisted of 31 tie sacks and six lock sacks.

Yesterday these figures were out distanced.

About $500 worth of merchandise was stolen from the store of G. K. Moyle at Kenwood Monday night and the official car from the Sheriff's office started in pursuit of suspects and trailed them to Vineburg but without effecting their capture.

Much of the loot was cigars tobacco and clothing. Entrance to the store was gained by way of a front window from which the robbers removed a pane of glass.

The young son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stevens of Boyes Springs accidently shot himself Thursday through the hand while handling a 22 rifle. The boy's injury necessitated the presence of Dr. Thomson who dressed the injury.

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COMMITTEE ON RAILWAY MAIL PAY

75 Church St., N. Y.
New York, November, 28, 1915

Mr. Ralph Peters, Chairman of the Committe on Railway Mail Pay made the following statement today in reference to the Postoffice Department's recent announcement that the Railroads of the Middle west would receive increased pay for carrying the mails during the next four years.

"Unfortunately, some people have misunderstood the Department's announcement. There has been no increase in the rates of pay or any concession to the railroads. Actually there has been a decrease in the rate for hauling each ton a mile.

In reality, what has happened is a good practical illustration of one of the railroads' chief claims of underpayment for carrying the mails. The Department has weighed the mails on the railroads in the Middle West, for the first time since 1911, and finds that in the interval the average tonnage carried has increased about 35 per cent. But the annual pay of these railroads which carry the great transcontinental mails in addition to the mails of their own territory is to be increased only 25 per cent or from $16,000,000 per year to $20,000,000 per year.

This readjustment of pay applies only to the future and includes no settlement of arrearge for having carried this increased mail tonnage during the four years just past. If the growth of the traffic has been steady, $1,000,000 per year out of the $4,000,000 additional now found to be due annually, should have been added in 1912, $2,000,000 per year in 1913 and $3,000,000 per year in 1914. Here, then, is a sum of $6, 000,000 earned by these railroads but withheld from them because the Postoffice Department weighs the mail only once in four years.

Does it not seem that Congress, in fairness, should order the mails weighed, and the pay of the railroads readjusted, at least once every year? Since the mails were last weighed in the middle west, the parcel post has been established and has grown to its present volume.

The Post Office Department appears to think there is competition among the railroads for the mail service because, in a very few instance, a road having the longer haul between two given points accepts the rate of the road having the shorter haul and carries some of the tonnage. This indicates the absence of competition rather than the presence of it. Real competition would be the offering of rates per mile lower than those named by law, and of this there are no instances. The total amount of pay sacrificed by the railroads of the middle west according to the Department's figures, is only one per cent of the mail pay in that region.

I think it would be a good thing for the Government, and for the whole people, if the coming congress would enact legislation to do justice to the railroads in the matter of railway mail pay. If the rates were once made fairly remunerative, the Post Office Department might then stimulate competition between the various roads as to the speed of trains and frequency of service, with great advantage to the business community"

CLASSIFIED ADS

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VINEBURG

George Goess and James Maffei two of Sonomas well known citizens were Vineburg visitors one day this week.

Emilo Batto left Saturday for Seattle where he will be the guest of relatives during the holidays.

Huichica school closed Friday for the holidays.

Louis Rouque, our local painter has secured the contract to paint the pretty residence of Theodore Anthenea on the Napa road near here Louie is an artist in this line of business.

Al Griffith trausacted business in the metropolis last Saturday.

Miss Mary Batto has been the guest of her sister, Mas A. Figone, in San Francisco the past week.

Our ex-Mayor, Jacob Mayer, last Monday shook the dust or at least the mud of his Pioneer Home off his shoes and in company with his uncle Charley Mayer of Blackwell, Iowa, departed Eastward and expects to be gone some time.

Messrs. Fred Fouts and Castagnasso of Sonoma, with teams and scraper, have been engaged for several days this week on the new road along the R. R Track.

The new feed and recleaning mill at Batto's Spur has been kept busy lately mixing chicken feed for the poultry men and recleaning seed for the farmers. All say that the mill is a much needed and long felt want in this part of the valley and will be appreciated.

Mrs. L. King and two little daughters are here from Alameda and will be guests at the Wadsworth home until after New Years Little Miss Doris King is a clever musician and dancer.

EASY JIM.

SCHELLVILLE

Mrs. Fred. Mornement left Thursday for a brief visit in San Francisco.

Mrs. M. Douglass of the Waller tract went to the metropolis Thursday to be the guest of friends over Xmas.

Mrs. Jas. Tate and little Jeamie spent the fore part of the week in San Francisco exchanging Xmas greetings with relatives and friends.

Mr. F. Stone is home to spend Xmas with his family here.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Keiser and children arrived in Oakland Friday to enjoy the Xmas holidays with Mrs. Stevens.

Miss Mildred Burchard, Sonoma School teacher, visited the San Luis School on last Friday.

The last meeting of the White Shell Club was at the home of Mrs. C. A. Whitmore and the members enjoyed a pleasant afternoon.

Mrs. Clements, accompanied by her daughter-in-law, enjoyed a trip to San Francisco Thursday.

The San Luis school closed Friday the 17th. Santa Claus distributed stockings filled with goodies and the following program was well rendered: Song, "Home Sweet Home," school; Concert Recitation, "The Wind," Grammar grades; song, "Christmas Bells," school; Concert Recitation, Primary Grades, "Hang Up the Baby's Stocking"; Recitation, The Night before Xmas, Grammar grades; song, "Silent Night," school; Dialogue, Grammar Grades "A Christmas Conflab"; Santa Claus, Frank Bosch; Mr. St. Nicholas, Victor Clements. Recitation, "Christmas Queries," Harold Stone; song, "Merry Christmas," school; Dialogue, Primary Grades, "Mother Goose and Santa Claus," Mother Goose, Laura Semino.

TO OUR PATRONS

It is our sincere wish that 1916 holds a great abundance of prosperity and happiness for every person in our community, in an even greater measure than in 1915.

We also wish to thank our many friends and customers for their greatly appreciated patronage, and trust that our business policy of just profit, combined with quality goods and prompt service, will continue to merit the increase of the volume of our business in the future, as it has been in the past.

F. CLEWE

Glen Ellen

News was received here of the death of Mr. Rohde of Fresno. Mr. Rohde, who has been an invalid for some time formerly lived on the Albrecht ranch. He is the father of Arnold Rhode and uncle of Martin Albrecht. Kind sympathy is extended to the bereaved relatives.

Much sympathy is extended to Mrs. Specht of Glen Ellen in the loss of her mother, whose death occured in San Francisco Wednesday.

The Christmas entertainment given by the Congregational Church at Mayflower hall Thursday evening was greatly enjoyed. Singing and recitations, also a play entitled "Mother Goose" took up most of the evening after which the tree was lighted and gifts distributed to the children.

Quite a number of attendants from the State Home at Eldridge attended the festivities given in their honor Wednesday evening by the Napa State Home attendants at Napa. The amusements of the evening were a dance, minstrel show and banquet.

Miss Norine and Marie Dower are staying at present in Glen Ellen and will remain over the Christmas holidays.

Jack Lee of San Francisco is spending the holidays with his grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ping.

Miss Amy Poppe of Oakland visited home folks over the holidays.

Mrs. Henry Ahlers left for San Francisco Thursday and will remain over the holidays.

Edna Poppe Cooper was a Sonoma visitor Thursday.

One of the prettiest affairs of the holiday season was the dinner party given last Sunday evening by Mr. anb Mrs. Howard Gaige. The table looked cheery and inviting with its holly decorations and many appetizing viands were served.

Those who partook of the hospitality of the Gaiges' were Mr. and Mrs. L Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Lane, Mr. and Mrs. Peterson, Miss Morris, Howard Johnson and Mr. Sterling, the California representative of the Ford Motor Company. After dinner the party motored down to Fetters Springs.

Harry Wilkins, popular proprietor of "Harry's Inn" took a trip to Sonoma Wednesday and wished his friends down there a Merry Christmas.

Jack Craib and M. C. Gordenker were mixing with the holiday throng down at Sonoma Wednesday.

Miss Georgie Newcomb came up for a holiday vacation from her hospital duties and has been visiting her mother.

An Observer.

EL VERANO SCHOOL EXERCISES

The Christmas closing exercises of the El Verano school at La Motte's Hall were most enjoyable and the pupils were highly complimented on the rendition of the following excellent program.

Song: "Christmas Time is Here". Sixth, seventh and eighth grades.
Piano Solo: Mrs. Stockmeyer.
Cantata: "Santa Claus Dreams".
Song: Irma Cliff.
Song: "Fly away Birdie to Heaven" Ruth Clements.
Dialogue: 'The Greates Plague in Life."
Characters.
Mrs. Bustle: Jeanette Mann.
Grandmother Bustle: Rose Semel.
Mary Bustle: Viola Bruns.
Hazy Black: Ida Saunders.
Biddy O'Rafferty: Bernice Chance.
Kitty Clover: Nellie Andrews.
Miss Mooneshine: Marjorie Bosserman.
Bridget McGuire: Edith Crane.
Song: "Always Me" Archie Andrews.
Dialogue: "Wanted A Male Cook."
Characters.
Mr. Hartwell: Orson Benjamin.
Joshua Slocum: Elie Boche.
Teddy Ryan: Malcom Eaton.
Francois: Henry Michel.
Peace: By Albert Norrbom.

The First National Bank of Sonoma wishes its many patrons a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

WINE MAN RETURNS HOME

C. E. Bundschu, Representative of this District in Protest at Washington, Reports Progress

C. E. Bundschu has returned from Washington, D. C., where as our representative he joined in the protest against the unjust laws taxing our viticultural products. Mr. Bundschu says that the committee brought forth very effective arguments and impressed the Congressional Committee and Secretary McAdoo most favorably with the justice of their pleas. While not wishing to amend the laws at this time because of the precedent of re-opening the issue just before adjournment, the California wine men were given encouragement that after the holidays the matter would be taken up very fully. Congressman Kent has been in conference with the committee since its return from Washington and leaves at once for the National Capitol to follow up the fight. Mr. Bundschu contemplates returning also.

Adds Classy Contender to String

Joe Ryan and his trainer James Sterling, took in a recent sale at Santa Rosa where Ryan bought Hamburg Belle, a well known racing circuit mare which he will add to his string of classy contenders. Hamburg Belle is a pacer with plenty of laurels to her credit and can step off a mile in 2.07 in easy fashion over any course.

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Order to Show Cause

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT IN AND for the County of Sonoma, State of California.

In the matter of the estate of ARVILLA McHARVEY, Deceased. Order to show cause why sale of real estate should not be made. C. C. P., Sec. 1538.

Robert A. Poppe, the executor of the estate of Arvilla McHarvey, deceased, having filed his petition herein, duly verified, praying for an order of sale of the whole the real estate of said decedent, for the purposes therein set forth:

It is therefore ordered by the said Court that all persons interested in the estate of said deceased appear before the said Superior Court on Monday, the 24th day of January, 1916, at ten o'clock A. M., at the Courtroom of Department Two of said Court, at the Court House in the City of Santa Rosa, County of Sonoma, State of California to show cause why an order should not be granted to the said executor to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceased as shall be necessary. And that a copy of this order shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks, in the Sonoma Index-Tribune, a newspaper printed and published in said Sonoma County.

THOS. C. DENNY,
Judge of the Superior Court
Dated December 13th, 1916.

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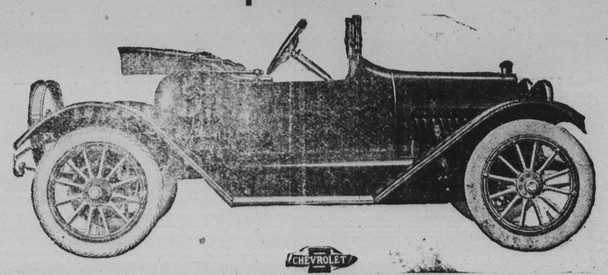

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